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Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command Awards Contract

SAN DIEGO — COMSAT Mobile Communications of Bethesda, Maryland is being awarded a competitive indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract for INMARSAT-B High Speed Data Channel leases with a not-to-exceed value of \$111,951,000. The maximum quantity for this contract is 4,500 channel months (consisting of up to 75 channels per month for up to 60 months) plus 3,600,000 six-second units of emergency dial-up service. This contract will provide INMARSAT-B 64Kbps service to any of the eleven deployed battlegroups (Carl Vinson, Constellation, Enterprise, George Washington, John F. Kennedy, John C. Stennis, Kitty Hawk, Abraham Lincoln, Nimitz, Theodore Roosevelt, and Harry S. Truman), and their associated amphibious readiness groups.

Additionally, this contract includes terrestrial connectivity to Navy points of presence in Norfolk, Virginia, Wahiawa, Hawaii, and Naples, Italy. The service will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service will be global, for ship-to-ship, ship-to-shore, and shore-to-ship communications. The service, Leased Channel Mode (LCM), will be used for voice, video, and data communications. The capability to provide emergency dial-up is also included. The first delivery order was issued in the amount of \$1,972,000. This equates to 20 channels per month for four months (or 80 channel months). The period of performance for the first delivery order is from July 1, 1999 through November 30, 1999. Work will be performed in Bethesda, Maryland; Southbury, Connecticut; Fucino, Italy; and Perth, Australia. Percentages of work by location will vary as U.S. Naval forces are deployed worldwide. Funds obligated for the first delivery order are FY99 O&MN (Operations and Maintenance, Navy) funds in the amount of \$1.9 million, which will expire (for obligation purposes) at the end of the fiscal year. This contract was competitively procured with two offers received. The Request For Proposal (RFP) was published on SPAWAR's Internet Business Opportunities website. The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command is the contracting activity (N00039-99-D-3201).

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